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"Education is the cheap defence of nations."

—*Burke.*

SCHEDULE

August 16. Studies in Christian Character—"The Christian Explorer—David Livingstone." Rev. W. J. Tunbridge, Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, 4 P.M.

" 17. Badminton Club organized—Boys' Branch.

" " Photo Club—A. V. Moses, Esq., M.A.

" " Gymnasium Class, 4-30 P.M.

" 18. Lantern Lecture "American Cities." J. R. Issac, Esq., B.A.

" 19. Gymnasium Class, 4-30 P.M., Boys' Branch, 6 P.M.

" " Inter-Hostel Football Tournament begins.

" 20. Literary Union—Inaugural Address—Boys' Branch, 5-30 P.M.

" 21. Devotional Meeting—Committee Room.

" " Gymnasium Class, 4-30 P.M.

" " First Aid Class, 5-30 P.M.

" 23. Studies in Christian Character—"The Christian Poet—Robert Browning." Rev. W. J. Tunbridge, Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, 4 P.M.

" 24. Photo Club—A. V. Moses, Esq., M.A.

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" 28. First Aid Class, 5-30 P.M.

" " Devotional Meeting, 5-30 P.M.

" " Beach Meeting opposite Presidency College, "Christ My Ideal in Service." V. Chakkarai, Esq., B.A., B.L., 5-30 P.M.

" 29 Beach Meetings "Christ My Message in Service," P. Chenchiah, Esq., B.A., M.L., 5-30 P.M.

" 30. Beach Meetings "Christ My Inspiration in Service." Rev. J. E. Neill, 5-30 P.M.

" 31. Photo Club, 4-30 P.M.

" " Gymnasium Class, 4-30 P.M.

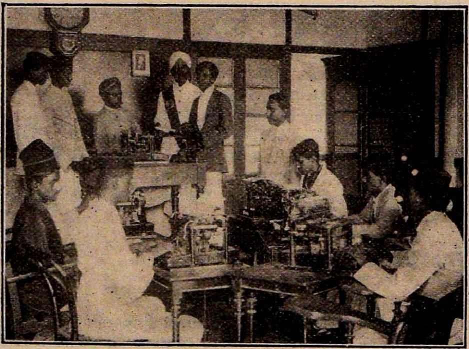
EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

"The great end of education is to discipline the mind rather than furnish the mind; to train it to the use of its own powers rather than fill it with the accumulations of others." —*Edwards.*

School of Commerce

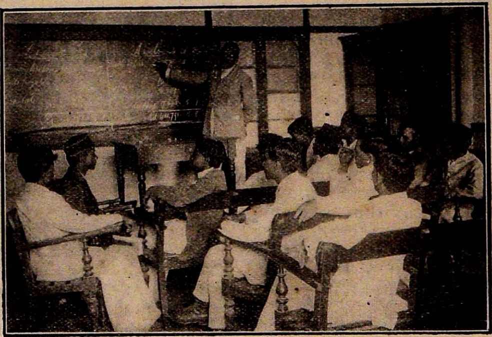
One of the most important departments of the Association is the Educational Department which comprises morning and evening classes in commercial subjects, a General Reading Room containing wholesome and healthy literature and a special technical library. The School of Commerce, which is the name given to these classes, has an interesting record behind and a promising future before it. The classes were organized over fifteen years ago and among those who were in charge of the classes were the late Mr. D. Devadoss, Mr. P. S. Krishnaswami Iyer and Mr. C. Gopal Menon, all of whom did excellent work. This school is one of the leading institutions of its kind in the city and receives an annual grant from Government. Instruction is imparted by an efficient staff of teachers in the following subjects in all three grades—Shorthand, Typewriting, Book-keeping, Theory and Practice of Commerce, Banking and Commercial Geography. Special classes in English are held twice a week and attendance is made compulsory in the case of those who have not passed the Matriculation or the School Final Examinations. The classes have continued to grow in strength and popularity and the Inspectors of Schools who have visited them from time to time have always spoken in high terms of the good work done and of the results obtained at the Government Examinations. Notwithstanding numerous Technical Institutions in the city, our institution has held its own and there is every indication that its progress in the future will even be more rapid than in previous years.

This is a class in typewriting mechanism and the Instructor, Mr. P. S. Doraisawmi Naicker, is the oldest member on our



staff, having been with us for nearly fifteen years. At present we are unable to accommodate more than forty-two students in this class but we hope, in the very near future, to considerably enlarge this class and admit more students.

The picture below is that of a class in Book-keeping. Mr. J. R. Rajendram, teacher in charge, has done splendid work and coaches up students for the advanced grades in all the commercial subjects. Mr. V. Benjamin has recently been added to our staff and is in charge of the Elementary classes in Book-keeping and Correspondence. The third picture



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represents a speed class in Shorthand. The classes in this subject are conducted by Mr. E. Parthasaradhi who is also Secretary of the Educational Department.

Deserving students are recommended to mercantile and other offices and good reports are being received from employers of those already recommended about the work they are doing. In view of the help we have been to offices in Madras we have been able to enlist the sympathy and co-operation of the heads of many of the firms and this term they have sent us several of their junior clerks for training in our classes. A record of past students is maintained and we are proud to say that students who have passed out of our School of Commerce are scattered all over South India, Burma, Ceylon and the Straits Settlements.

The opportunity afforded us in serving the young men who year after year come and go out of our classes is great. In addition to intellectual training, the Association aims at giving them sound physical and moral training. We hope that in years to come this School will grow rapidly and be of great help preparing young men to earn a fair and honest livelihood.

Our *Library* has held a place in the educational activities ever since the Association has been in existence in Madras. It would be much more useful if a considerable number of good books could be added. This our funds will not permit unless good friends will provide special contributions for this purpose. A small circulating student library of good books is a new feature which has attractive possibilities.

The *Reading Room* is steadily increasing its stock of first class periodicals—the Hibbert Journal and Constructive Quarterly being the latest additions. Judging from the number of readers and the worn condition of the magazines, the journals are being appreciated. Our aim is to have the best public reading room in Madras. Make us a call and your own comparisons. Smaller reading rooms are maintained in the Boys' Branch Y. M. C. A. Lodge, Chintadripet and Royapettah Branch.

EDUCATIONAL CLUBS

Photography.—A Club meets regularly led by Mr. A. V. Moses, M.A., which studies the fundamental principles underlying photography and how to take pictures of merit and interest.

Religious Discussion Club.—This Club is led by the Rev. J. S. M. Hooper and its membership is made up of men of several creeds and beliefs. Controversial arguments are discouraged but frank, honest discussion of various aspects is desirable and helpful.

First Aid.—Mr. Simon has organised a First Aid class and it is hoped that this work may become a regular feature hereafter. First Aid classes are quite popular elsewhere—why should Madras be slow to promote such important training for young men? Suppose you saw a drowning man pulled out

of the water—what would you do? Can you put on a simple splint in case of a broken arm or a bandage to check blood from an artery? If not you need First Aid training. Join the class.

Literary.—The Boys' Branch has maintained a Literary Club for some time and it is flourishing at present. The seniors might find this suggestive.

All who are interested in the discussion of current events (the war at present) are invited to join the Current Events Club. Mr. Arthur Davies has kindly consented to direct the discussions which is a guarantee that something worth while will be undertaken. Hand your name to Mr. H. C. Herman.

A Debating Society or Forum which discussed such subjects as the Madras Sewer System. The Family Life of the East *vs.* that of the West, is the Educational Policy in India Solving Its Problems, Is India Materialistic. Such subjects are live questions and would require thorough preparation.

Would a considerable number of graduates care to form a Graduate Union with special rooms, activities and amusements? Such social contact would only be for good and would help to brush off the dust of the day's struggle. Such an organization might well become a potent factor in the community in social service, Christian activities and in keeping many from falling into a rut for ever.

Popular Lectures.—Such lectures as Man's Second Greatest Instinct by Dr. Gray. "The Historical Background of the Present War in Europe" by the Rev. E. M. Macphail, M.A., B.D., will be arranged regularly during the year on Health, Social Service, Biographies, History and Literature.

"Don't fall into the vulgar idea that mind is a ware-house and education but a process of stuffing it full of goods."

BOYS' BRANCH

One of the most interesting functions during the past two weeks was the opening social for the first school term which took place on August 1, as previously announced. The Social Committee Members were elected shortly before this and they spared no pains in making satisfactory arrangements for the function. At 3 P.M. members were seen rushing in and out of the building in large numbers. After indulging in some indoor games they all turned up to witness the Ping-pong competition between two of the best players here and at the Royapettah Branch. Askar Ali of the main branch easily won the game. At 4 o'clock recitations, comic songs, riddles and speeches were all gone through in splendid style. Tea and refreshments were served in the interval. Mr. S. Manuel, late Secretary of the Branch and

Chairman of the day, explained to them the fundamental principles of Love and Service on which the work of the Boys' Depar ment is based and exhorted them to continue steadily in the good work they were engaged in. We have to congratulate the Social Secretary and his Committee on the excellent arrangements they made for the social to ensure success.

The sub-junior Football Tournament is being played now and we hope to be able to announce the results in the next issue.

Our members will be glad to know that the Badminton court is now ready for our use. Those who want to join are requested to give their names early.

STUDENT DEPARTMENT

Prize Essay.—The Student Department announces that a prize of Rupees Fifty (Rs. 50) will be given for the best and Rupees Fifteen (Rs. 15) for the second best essay on "Student Life in Madras." The following conditions will prevail :—

1. Entries will be open to any student in the city who is a member of the Central Y. M. C. A. or who may become a member before September 15th.

2. Essays shall be handed in not later than October 15th.

3. Essays shall consist of not less than fifteen hundred words and not more than three thousand words.

4. Emphasis in marking the value of essays will be placed primarily upon facts. Marking will be made as follows :—

(*a*) 60 per cent. on facts which may be authenticated.

(*b*) 40 per cent. on composition and rhetoric.

5. The following points shall be discussed in each essay :—

(i) Environment, sanitation, etc.

(ii) Social life.

(iii) Economic status of students.

(iv) Value of athletics in student life.

(v) Effect of University education on the relation of the student to his home community.

(vi) Effect of University life on religious life of students.

6. All essays shall be typed before being submitted.

7. The winning essays will be read by the writers and the prizes awarded at a public meeting.

8. The first prize essay will be printed in the "Young Men of India."

9. Essays shall be sent to the Student Secretary, Y. M. C. A., Madras.

"THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF THE PRESENT WAR IN EUROPE."

This was the subject of a very interesting and instructive lecture delivered by the Rev. E. M. Macphail, of the Madras

"**Education is the debt due from the present to future generations.**"

—*Peabody.*

"Take my word for it, if you had seen but one day of war, you would pray Almighty God that you might never see such a thing again." — *Wellington.*

Christian College, in the Auditorium on Thursday, the 13th instant, at 5-15 p.m. An hour before the meeting, people began to pour in in large numbers and the whole hall was taxed to its utmost capacity, several hundreds being satisfied with even a standing room in the hall or on the balcony. The Hon. Mr. Justice T. V. Seshagiri Iyer presided and among others present were the Hon. Mr. Justice F. H. B. Tyabji, The Hon. Surgn.-General W. B. Bannerman, C S. I., The Hon. The Revd. G. Pittendrigh, The Hon. Mr. F. H. M. Corbet, Dr. J. R. Henderson, Revd. A. Moffatt, Rev. A. Templeton, Capt. C. A. F. Hingston, Khan Bahadur Usman Sahib, and Messrs. Arthur Davies, S. Srinivasa Iyengar, Paul Appaswami, S. D. Pears, and C. E. Cunningham. There were also present several Indian and European ladies.

Mr. Seshahgiri Iyer, in introducing the lecturer of the evening, said they were all glad to see him back in their midst and that they could ill-afford to be without him. In connection with the present war he said that they were proud to owe their allegiance to the British Empire which now was forced to take up arms not with a view to increase her possessions but to maintain justice and liberty.

Mr. Macphail, who was received with prolonged cheers, thanked the Chairman for his kind words and then proceeded with his lecture going as far back as 200 A.D. With the help of a map he was able to make the audience follow him closely. The war, he said, came on very suddenly as a bolt from the blue. Although apparently it was a sudden one, yet the contending parties had been preparing to fight each other for a very long time. After briefly touching upon the animosities existing among the different powers in Europe since the 15th century, Mr. Macphail very clearly explained the supposed main cause of the present war which was the assassination of the heir apparent to the Throne of Austria and his wife by a Bosnian student with Servian sympathies. Already matters had been shaping for a general conflagration and this incident was enough to fan the smoke to flame. Germany had in the meanwhile become envious of the British colonial Empire and was trying to make herself supreme on sea and land. It was thought very necessary to check Germany before she attained a dominating position. She wanted to swallow Belgium and Holland and a portion of France and according to the terms of the treaty of 1830 Great Britain was bound to come to the assistance of the smaller States and of France. The British, however much they were opposed to war, felt that they must draw the sword in the interests of justice and liberty.

All information about the Camp can be had from any of the following members of the Interim Committee :—Messrs. F. W. Henderson, Isaiah S. Peter or A. A. Paul.

BOYS' BRANCH

On the 2nd instant, under the auspices of the Literary Union of this Branch, Mr. K. Rama Rao, B.A., B.L., District Munsiff of Madura, gave an interesting discourse on the present war in Europe with apt illustrations. Mr. Rama Rao compared the present conflict between nations to the conflict that goes on every day in a man's life. He pointed out that like England, they should stand for justice and liberty and help the weak in times of necessity.

The Junior Bible class has been organized with Sundaresiah as Secretary. Since our last issue, we have been able to secure Mr. A.V. Moses as leader of this class. The first class was conducted on the 1st and twelve enrolled themselves and decided that character sketches should be studied beginning with the life of Martin Luther.

The boys are very glad to see an announcement on the notice board about the Armaipakiam Medal for Football which has been kindly given by Mr. S. Manuel in memory of his late wife.

A membership of 50 has been reached in the Royapettah Boys' Branch. They play football, badminton and cricket. Bible classes and literary meetings are also conducted.

PLASTIC YOUTH

I took a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it one day;
And as my fingers pressed it, still
It moved and yielded to my will,
I came again when days were past,
The bit of clay was hard at last,
The form I gave it still it bore,
But I could change that form no more.

I took a piece of living clay
And gently formed it day by day,
And moulded with my power and art
A young child's soft and yielding heart.
I came again when years were gone,
It was a man I looked upon;
He still that early impress wore,
And I could change that form no more.

Helen McLeod—in Christian Movement.

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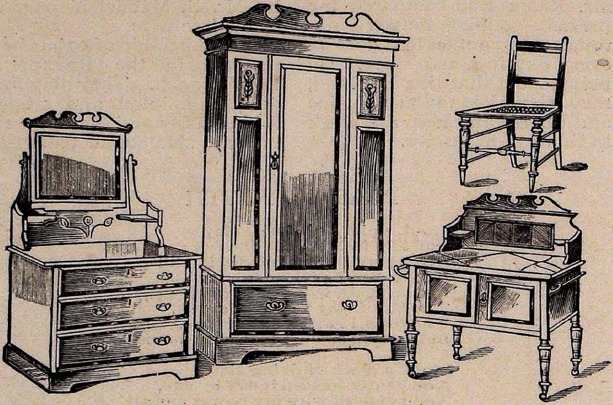

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